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Thus a great and striking change has taken place in this Pacific state from the time it was first seen by a white man up to the present day. It is with the social, political, and religious events that have occurred in this evolution of California that the book deals. Added to the historical value of the volume are its numerous illustrations and maps. WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

**La República Mexicana.** Reseñas Geográficas y Estadísticas. Vera Cruz, 86 pp. Coahuila, 49 pp. \$1.50. Nuevo León, 64 pp. \$1.50. Chihuahua, 26 pp. \$1.00. Chiapas. Por Enrique Santibáñez, 29 pp. \$1.25. Sonora, 10 pp. 90 cts. Territorio de la Baja California. Por Léon Dignet. \$1.50. Maps, ills., in each. C. Boret, Paris & Mexico, 1908-12. 13 x 10.

A popular description of Mexican territory by natives of the country. The work is informative in a broad sense with a tendency to emphasis on the country's natural resources and the economic conditions prevailing at the close of the Diaz régime. Condensed, yet clear descriptions of geographical and historical features as well as of the inhabitants and customs are presented along with numerous photographs and maps. It is to be hoped that the parts dealing with the remaining states will soon be issued. LEON DOMINIAN.

**Life in Mexico during a Residence of Two Years in that Country.**

By Madame Calderon de la Barca. Everyman's Library. xxxviii and 542 pp. J. M. Dent, & Sons, London, 1913 (?). 1s. 7 x 4½.

The original edition of Mme. Calderon de la Barca's *Life in Mexico* appeared in 1843. The recent reprint in Everyman's Library is equally timely, for it is a book worth reading about the intimate side of conditions in a country of which we know so much and so little. The letters which make up the volume are personal narratives, written in a delightfully appealing style, full of keen observations, kindly humor and sane philosophy. Modern Mexico is so little changed, in many essentials, from the Mexico of three-quarters of a century ago, that these letters seem to be of the very present. The volume is for the odd hour, rather than for continued reading.

RICHARD ELWOOD DODGE.

**Mexico, the Wonderland of the South.** By W. E. Carson. xiii and 499 pp. Map, ills., index. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1914. \$2.50. 8½ x 6.

A new edition containing data needed to bring the book up to date in view of the disturbances of the past three years. It is regrettable that the author did not arrange his topics in orderly sequence. He gives much accurate information that would be more useful if presented systematically. In spite of this defect the book is well worth reading. LEON DOMINIAN.

CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES

**Kostarika.** Beiträge zur Orographie und Hydrographie. Von Prof. Henri F. Pittier. 48 pp. Map, profiles. *Ergänzungsheft No. 175 zu Petermanns Mitt.*, Gotha, 1912. 11 x 7½.

The map at the end of this monograph and the beautiful pen sketches that supplement it attract the attention far more than the text. The sketches give a clearer impression of the Costa Rican landscape than any quantity of photographs or than the forty-eight pages of description by the author. The ground plan of Costa Rica is here presented by a wealth of detail not formerly accessible in a single work. Each small subdivision of the country is described not only with reference to its mountain ranges, its valleys and plains, but also with reference to the individual mountains and even the hills and brooks. The result is that one may find here any topographic or hydrographic feature of Costa Rica in which he may be interested.

But, on the other hand, one finds little of philosophical interest. The trees and not the woods are kept constantly in the foreground. Such explanatory paragraphs as that on page 30, describing a recent change in the hydrography